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Douglas Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94618

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in support of the staff grant request for \$175,000 to fund the implementation of Phase I site improvements for the Ma-le'l Dunes Public Cooperative Management Area (CMA), in Humboldt County. The Ma-le'l Dunes CMA contains unique natural, visual and cultural resources. It features coastal dune, wetland, and estuarine habitats, historic beach and dune trails, and the adjacent Mad River Slough. It will provide outstanding public access to an area within close proximity to the City of Eureka.

Implementation of the Phase I site improvements will open the entire 444 acres to public use. These improvements include signage, upgraded parking, and improvements to the trail and access road. These improvements will ensure visitors can enjoy the area safely and appreciate and protect its remarkable natural and cultural values.

The plan for the area calls for variety of recreational activities, including horseback riding, dog walking, bird watching and nature study. I fully support Friends of the Dunes, as the grantee for the implementation project. Their dedication to the conservation of the coastal dunes and experience with the property make them uniquely qualified to manage the implementation of the Phase I site improvements.

I encourage your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON Member of Congress

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February 13, 2007

Chairman Douglas Bosco Members of the Board of Directors California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Ma-le'l Dunes Public Cooperative Management Area - Phase I Grant Request

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Board of Directors:

This letter is to support the grant request of \$175,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy to fund Phase I site improvements for the Ma-le'l Dunes Public Cooperative Management Area (CMA). The Ma-le'l Dunes CMA contains unique natural, visual and cultural resources and a number of valuable features that will make it an outstanding public access area. This area features coastal dune, wetland, and estuarine habitats, historic beach and dune trails, and the adjacent Mad River Slough all within close proximity of urban and sub-urban communities.

Implementation of the Phase I site improvements will open the entire 444 acres to public use. These improvements including a signing program, upgraded parking areas, trail and access road upgrades which will ensure that visitors can enjoy the area safely and appreciate and protect its remarkable natural and cultural values.

The Public Access Plan provides for a wide variety of recreation activities including horseback riding, dog walking, bird watching and nature study. I strongly support the Friends of the Dunes, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, as the grantee for the implementation project. Their dedication to the conservation of the natural diversity of coastal dunes and experience with the property make them uniquely qualified to manage the implementation of the Phase I site improvements. I request that you give this grant application your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wiggins Senator, 2nd District

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February 14, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94618

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am pleased to offer my support of the staff grant request for \$175,000 to fund the implementation of Phase I site improvements for the Ma-le'l Dunes Public Cooperative Management Area (CMA).

The Ma-le'l Dunes CMA promises to be a most outstanding public access area, rich in both cultural and natural heritage and recreational opportunities. This area features coastal dune, wetland, and estuarine habitats, historic beach and dune trails, and the adjacent Mad River Slough all within close proximity of local communities. Funding for implementation of the Phase I site improvements will open the entire 444 acres to public use. Proposed improvements including signage, upgraded parking areas, trail and access road upgrades.

Friends of the Dunes, the proposed grantee for the implementation project, has proven their dedication to the conservation of coastal dunes. Their experience with the property makes them uniquely qualified to manage the implementation of this project.

I urge your favorable consideration of staff request to fund the Ma-le'l Dunes improvement project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG

Assemblymember, 1st District

Cc: Su Corbaley, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

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**RE:** Phase I Site Improvements

Ma-le'l Dunes Cooperative Management Area Public Access Plan

## Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the grant request for \$175,000 to fund the implementation of Phase I site improvements for the Ma-le'l Dunes Public Cooperative Management Area (CMA). The Ma-le'l Dunes CMA contains unique natural, visual and cultural resources and a number of valuable features, making it an outstanding public access area. In addition, the area features coastal dunes, wetland, and estuarine habitats, historic beach and dune trails, all adjacent to the Mad River Slough, and all within close proximity of urban and sub-urban communities.

Implementation of the Phase I site improvements will open the entire 444 acres to public use. The proposed improvements, including a signing program, upgraded parking areas, trail and access road upgrades will ensure that visitors can enjoy the area safely and appreciate and protect its remarkable natural and cultural values.

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The Board is pleased to provide support for the Public Access Plan as it will provide for a wide variety of recreation activities including horseback riding, dog walking, bird watching and nature study. The Board also supports the "Friends of the Dunes" as the grantee for the implementation project and values their dedication to the conservation of the natural diversity of coastal dunes, making them uniquely qualified to manage the implementation of the Phase I site improvements.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important project.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Neely, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Friends of the Dunes

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